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**UPCOMING APIA COMMUNITY NEWS AND MEETINGS FROM
THE OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (OAPIA)**

Upcoming Events

OAPIA Events

Events	Organization	Contact	Date, Time & Location
OAPIA Budget Hearing OAPIA will have its budget hearing in front of Council members for the Fiscal Year 2011 budget on Thursday, May 6 th from 2-3pm in the Council Chamber (Room 500) of the John A. Wilson Building; 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20004. Persons wishing to testify about the performance may contact Victor Bonett, Committee Clerk at 741-2112 or e-mail vbonett@dccouncil.us .	OAPIA	Neel Saxena (202) 727-3120	Thursday, May 6th Time: 2pm Location: Council Chamber Room 500 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW (Blue/Orange Line- Federal Triangle Metro)
SAVE THE DATE! DC Shorts, Fiesta Asia, the Historical Society of DC and OAPIA present a screening of short films! Free and open to the public. Part of the festivities celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month			Saturday, May 8 Time: 12 pm Location: Historical Society of DC 801 K St, NW
SAVE THE DATE! 2010 Community Day- Part of the festivities celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Come and get help from different service providers. From health to legal services to education. All in one place and all free!	OAPIA	202-727-3120	Saturday, May 15th, 2010 Time: 11am Location: MLK Library 901 G Street, NW
Case Assistance Clinics - The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will initiate Case Assistance Clinics. OAPIA will assist the District's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) individuals, families, and small	OAPIA	202-727-3120	Every Wednesdays 1-4-pm

business owners who have trouble navigating DC government services due to language barriers. The clinics will be held each Wednesday at OAPIA, and some Thursday's at locations easily accessible to the API community. Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese interpretation will be available at all locations.			Location: OAPIA 441 4 th Street, NW Suite 721N
CHAI Women's Wellness Group CHAI Invites South Asian Women to a dynamic and confidential group. Topics include relationships, family, women's roles, career, marriage, anger and conflict resolution, taboos & secrets, and other topics relevant to South Asian women.	Counselors Helping (South) Asians, Inc, (CHAI) www.chaicounselors.org	Phone: 443-615-1355 Fax: Email:raziakosi@chaicounselors.org	Sunday :May 2nd Time: 3-4:30pm Location: Maryland Non Profits – 8720 Georgia Ave. Ste. 303 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Red Line Metro Silver Spring stop
Once Upon A Prom Presents...Prom Dress Giveaway! New and gently used dresses for all shapes and sizes! Must present valid high school ID to receive a dress. Limit one dress per person. *music, contests, make-up instructions, free gifts!	Once Upon a Prom	onceuponaprom@gmail.com to donate a dress, send to: Once Upon a Prom PO Box 5556 Washington, DC 20016	May 1, 2010 Time: 9am-5pm Location: Eastern Market – North Hall 225 7 th Street, SE
5th Annual National Asian Heritage Festival The National Asian Heritage Festival-Fiesta Asia is back again for 2010 in its 5th year! Multiple programs and activities has been planned to commemorate Asian Heritage Month including Performing Arts Showcase, Movie Marathon, Concerts and many more. We are still accepting Sponsors, Partners, Vendors, Performers, & Volunteers. Check out the full May Calendar on our website at www.asiaheritagefoundation.org or contact us at info@asiaheritagefoundation.org / 202-470-0899 ! We look forward to you joining us!	Asia Heritage Foundation www.asiaheritagefoundation.org	Phone: 202-470-0899 Fax: 703-920-0620 Email: info@asiaheritagefoundation.org	May, 2010
To celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, APIAVote is kicking off the Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute (NYMLI) Speaker Series in Washington, D.C. This Speaker Series will bolster our NYM Leadership Institute, by bringing the dialogue about AAPI political involvement and political participation to a national stage. Chaired by the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, NYMLI's mission is to increase the leadership and organizing capacity of AAPI communities by training and equipping leaders with the skills to successfully engage AAPIs in electoral campaigns. The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Chair of APIAVote's Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute, will host a conversation with THE NEW FACES OF LEADERSHIP	APIAVote www.apivote.org	Please visit www.apivote.org/newfaces to register today. 1850 M St. NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20036 202-223-9170 info@apivote.org	Monday, May 3, 2010 Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Location: National Education Association 1201 16 th St., NW Washington, DC

from our AAPI communities, featuring Secretary Gary Locke, Assistant Secretary Tammy Duckworth, Secretary Steven Chu (invited), and other policy leaders as they will discuss opportunities and challenges they encounter in their work in the Administration and with AAPI communities.			
John Trasviña, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity invites you to a Listening Meeting on Asian American and Pacific Islanders' Fair Housing Needs	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity		Wednesday, May 5, 2010 Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Location: Room C, Brooke-Mondale Auditorium Robert Weaver Building 451 – 7 th Street, SW Washington, DC 20410
Happy Hour at Eye Bar! Our happy hour will benefit MVMA's (Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association) GAPS (Golden Age Project for Seniors) program http://www.mdvietmutu , a program which helps seniors navigate resources provided by the government. MVMA's mission overall is to serve, support, and advance the Vietnamese American community. Suggested \$5 or \$10 donation. DJ Saam will be spinning loungy groovy beats for us. Our happy hours typically bring out 150 - 200 folks... and I wouldn't be surprised with a similar turnout this time around. <u>Please note 80% of donations go to the MVMA and 20% of donations will go to the 20s & 30s Asian Going Out Group to cover Meetup fees and expenses.</u>	20s and 30s Asian group	20sand30sasiangroup.com	Thursday, May 6 Time: 6pm Location: Eyebar 1716 I Street NW, DC Farragut West Metro
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA A cultural presentation featuring the music & dances of Hawai'i & Samoa Enjoy pre-show Hawaiian music, local hors d'oeuvres, raffle & silent auction	Halau O 'Aulani www.halauoaulani.org	Shirley Queja 301-919-7905 squeja@halauoaulani.org or halauoaulani@yahoo.com Admission by ticket only. Discounted early bird tickets available before March 1.	Saturday, May 8, 2010 Time: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Performance Location: Thomas Jefferson Theatre 125 S. Old Glebe Road Arlington, VA 22204
Get a Free Hepatitis B Vaccination Fortunately, HBV can be prevented with a very safe and effective vaccine. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is usually given as 3 shots during a 6-month period. The entire series is needed for long-term protection.	Dr.Mark-Li Chinese American Medical Society Chinatown Service Center Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC	Lisa Ma: 202-898-0061 coordinator@chinatownscdc.org Jane Pan 571-274-0021 j.pan@hepbinitiative.org	Sunday, May 10, 2010 Time: 12:30-3pm Location: Chinese Community Church 500 I (Eye) Street, NW
APAICS REMINDS YOU TO SAVE THE DATE for their 16 TH Annual Gala Dinner	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)	www.apaics.org	Tuesday, May 11, 2010 JW Marriott Hotel Washington, DC

<p>Meet-up for Conversations Community Event Free monthly community networking event. Asians and non-Asians are welcomed (self-pay for lunch). This is an opportunity to meet business owners, community builders, consultants, bankers, etc.</p>	<p>Allies Building Community, Inc. (ABC) and Archway Network www.archway2.org</p>	<p>Diane Tai Phone: 202-338-4339 or 202-625-2244 Email: abcallies@gmail.com or organizer10@gmail.com</p> <p>RSVP: http://www.meetup.com/networking/ http://www.meetup.com/AsianAmericans/ http://www.meetup.com/ChineseAmericans/</p>	<p>On 3rd Sundays of month</p> <p>Next: May 16</p> <p>Time: 12:30PM – 3:00PM</p> <p>Upcoming: June 20, July 18, Aug.15, Sept.19, Oct.17, Nov. 21, Dec.19, 2010</p> <p>Location: Burma Restaurant 740 6th St. NW 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20001</p>
<p>The Carlos Rosario Educational Foundation invites you to the “American Dream Gala” – <i>The American Dream Gala and Auction</i> will celebrate The Carlos Rosario School's 40 years of success in providing nationally recognized adult education and support services to help DC's immigrant population provide for themselves and their families, as they ultimately strive to become economically-independent citizens and members of American society. We will be joined by more than 350 of The Carlos Rosario School's top corporate and individual supporters, alumni and current students to celebrate our past accomplishments, as well as future possibilities. Funds raised from the gala and auction will support the expansion and sustainability of The Carlos Rosario School's award-winning model so that we may reach even more students as they achieve a better life for themselves and their families.</p>	<p>The Carlos Rosario School</p>	<p>Sommer Altland saltland@oai-usa.com (202) 719-8087</p> <p>RSVP by May 3, 2010</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 18, 2010</p> <p>Time: 6pm</p> <p>Location: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel 2660 Woodley Road, NW Washington, DC</p>
<p>THE DC Children and youth with Special Health Care Needs Symposium SAVE THE DATE: May 19th! We need your knowledge and care to improve services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families in the District of Columbia! Join other healthcare providers, families nad youth, and DC agency staff for a one-day symposium to: learn what families and your colleagues have told us about how to improve the system; helap shape the DC plan for serving CYSHCN; create action teams to make a difference in DC!</p>	<p>DC Department of Health</p>	<p>Syreeta Elie: sme27@georgetown.edu or call (202) 687-8807</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 19th</p> <p>Location: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20024-2253 (202) 554-0478 www.lenfantplazahotel.com</p> <p>Metro accessible from yellow/green and blue/orange lines</p> <p>Breakfast + lunch will be served</p>
<p>CALVIN W. ROLARK INTERGENERATIONAL POSTER</p>	<p>DC Commission on Aging</p>	<p>For more information or</p>	<p>Deadline: May 21, 2010</p>

<p>CONTEST THEME: "Young and Old Living and Learning Together" ELIGIBILITY: Students in Grades 1-12, D.C. Public/Charter Schools, Elementary, Junior, Middle and High Schools SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND CHECK LIST ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use illustration poster board or heavy paper that is 14 x 18 inches. • Painting, drawing, photography, collage or any two-dimensional medium or combination of media is acceptable. • Use color or black and white. • Research- Go to your libraries, websites: Office on Aging, Generations United, AARP and other research sources. • Interview-talk with senior citizens and others about their living and learning together. • Attach the following info to the back of each poster: student's name, grade, home address, telephone number, teachers name & school name. • Deliver submission to: DC Commission on Aging, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 900 South, Washington D.C. 20001 by May 21, 2010. <p>JUDGING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries will be judged on originality of design, artistic merit, and proper use of language that depicts seniors in a positive way. • Following specific guidelines – Size 14" X 18" and remember to put the theme on the front of your poster. The decision of the judges is final. <p>WINNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners will receive a Cash Award • Winners selected in each category (Grades 1-5, 6-8, and 9 -12) • Certificate of Participation will be given to all contestants. 	<p>The United Black Fund</p>	<p>questions, please call (202) 727-8370</p>	
<p>FIESTA ASIA STREET FAIR Our Signature Celebration – the Fiesta Asia Street Fair is scheduled for May 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Pennsylvania Avenue NW, between 3rd & 6th Streets. Fiesta Asia Street Fair happenings include outdoor craft exhibits, live performances, food and open market vendors, interactive displays, martial arts demonstration, talent show, cooking demo, flash mob dancing and many more! Come out and join us for a full day of fun & entertainment!</p>	<p>Asia Heritage Foundation www.asiaheritagefoundation.org</p>	<p>Phone: 202-470-0899 Fax: 703-920-0620 Email: info@asiaheritagefoundation.org</p>	<p>May 22, 2010 Time: 10:00AM- 7:00PM</p>
<p>FIESTA ASIA BOLLYWOOD Flash Mob Dance - Led by Dhoonya Dance! We are looking for 300 or more people to do a Bollywood number Flash Mob Dance Street</p>	<p>Asia Heritage Foundation www.asiaheritagefoundation.org</p>	<p>Phone: 202-470-0899 Fax: 703-920-0620 Email:</p>	<p>Ongoing till May 22,2010</p>

<p>Style on Pennsylvania Ave on May 22nd at 1pm at Fiesta Asia Street Fair! All ages welcome! All you have to do to participate is to have your students/members learn the routine which we uploaded online (with 6 separate mini segment instructions) and come out on May 22nd to join us. Your school/team/name will be featured on our website's Fiesta Asia Bollywood Flash Mob Hall of Fame for this unique event! HELP US MEET THE TARGET of 300 people and be a part of a well loved Asian dance sensation!</p> <p>See video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=327_EIAZlwY or visit www.asiaheritagefoundation.org for more info!</p>		info@asiaheritagefoundation.org	
<p>APAICS 2nd Annual Golf Classic</p>	<p>Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)</p>	<p>Contact: Helen Ruggiero 202 296-9200 www.apaics.org Fax: 202 296-9236 apaics@apaics.org</p>	<p>Monday, June 28</p> <p>Time: 8:30 am Breakfast and Shot gun Start Follows</p> <p>Location: Army Navy Club Golf Course Arlington, Virginia</p>

ONGOING EVENT OR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **H1N1 Flu**

You and the H1N1 flu vaccine. 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine is given in two ways.

- English version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer.pdf
- Spanish Version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer_sp.pdf

We encourage you to visit Flu.gov for [more free resources](#) and [one-page handouts](#) available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

- **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

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- **HERITAGE STORY WALL PROJECT HONORING SENIORS- Send us your story and wisdom!**

Seniors are one of our community's most precious wealth & resource. In commemoration of our 5th annual Asian Heritage Festival celebration, we are launching the heritage story wall project to honor our seniors for their determination & journey by presenting their story, wisdom & heritage. We would like your help in gathering these stories from your community, family and friends! All you have to do is visit www.asiaheritagefoundation.org and send us your story and photo(optional). If you have a large community of seniors, we would be more than happy to come to your location to do a story gathering outreach session. Please help us uncover the amazing individuals and stories in our community! Email: info@asiaheritagefoundation.org. Ongoing till May 7

- The Animal Disease Prevention Division of the Department of Health is once again planning for another set of free vaccination clinics to the resident's cats and dogs starting May 1 through June 5 at every Ward in the District of Columbia. Please see attached flyer.

The free vaccination clinic is an outreach program that allows the Department of Health to educate our community with information regarding responsible pet ownership (scooping dog poop, leash law, etc.), reporting animal bites, West Nile Virus, rabies prevention, etc. We will also promote our flyers on Emergency Preparedness, Rabies, Biting Dogs, and Love your Dog to increase compliance with vaccination and licensing laws (per DC Official Code 8-1804 (b)). Pet owners will be encouraged to purchase dog licenses during the vaccination clinics, the cost of DC dog licenses \$15.00 for altered (spayed or neutered) dogs, and \$50.00 for dogs that are not altered. The vaccination clinics are greatly needed in our community.

- **The \$100,000 Business Plan Competition Kick-Off Event**

(Washington, DC) - The Office of the Deputy Mayor and the Washington, DC Economic Partnership (WDCEP) in collaboration with Advantage Capital Partners and Enhanced Capital Partners will kick off its \$100,000 Business Plan Competition on April 6 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Washington, DC Economic Partnership's office located at 1495 F Street, NW.

In its second year, this competition will award \$100,000 of investment capital through the District's Certified Capital Companies ("CAPCO") Program to one winner. In addition to the investment capital, the winner will also receive \$10,000 worth of legal consultation from Venable LLP.

"The goal of this year's business plan competition is to encourage entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation within the District," said Valerie-Joy Santos, Deputy Mayor for planning and economic development for the District of Columbia and co-chair of the Washington, DC Economic Partnership. "The District offers a unique competitive advantage for businesses that leverage proximity to the federal government."

"Through the CAPCO Program, the District has developed an effective way to bring venture capital to businesses that are further along the risk curve than banks traditionally serve," said Ben Dupuy, President of the DC Coalition for Capital and Partner at The Cypress Group. "The Business Plan Competition is an exciting way to make entrepreneurs aware of the District's small business venture capital program."

"DC is the perfect place to start a technology or green energy company given its proximity to public and private capital and the commitment of the DC government," said Mac Brown, CEO of GreenlightAC, a CAPCO investment which provides electric car charging stations.

The competition's qualifying process includes a written application and finalists will be asked to present their plan before a panel of judges. Evaluation of the plans will focus on the business's strengths in four areas: management team, financials, competitive opportunity and the extent to which the business capitalizes on the District's unique status as home to the federal government.

The competition is open to new or existing businesses, with preference given to those that capitalize on opportunities created by the District's proximity to the federal government. The competition welcomes eligible applicants worldwide, though establishment of a District location by August 28, 2010 is required.

Businesses are encouraged to [apply online](#). Completed applications should be submitted to the Washington, DC Economic Partnership (1495 F Street, NW, Washington DC, 20004) by **June 10, 2010**.

About the District's CAPCO Program

The District's Certified Capital Company (CAPCO) Program is a successful effort by the District of Columbia to increase private-sector venture capital investment in new or expanding small businesses. The CAPCO model combines private-sector expertise in identifying, evaluating, and financing businesses with the District's interest in access to capital for small businesses and a stronger local economy. The District's CAPCO investment funds – which are managed by professional venture capitalists – stimulate the creation of jobs and provide an incentive to retain, expand, and attract a wide range of businesses. Since the enactment of the District's CAPCO Program, over \$25 million in investment capital had been deployed into District small businesses. To learn more about the District's CAPCO Program, go to dccapco.com.

- **Multicultural Community Service (MCS) Community Interpreter Training Program.** Are you bilingual? Do you interpret or translate for family or friends? Do you already have interpreting skills and want to make it your profession? If so, this program is for you! Topics that are covered in the classes: types of interpretation, including telephonic interpretation; short-term memory development drills and public speaking skills; ethics of interpreting: national codes of ethics; interpreting skills: preparation, introduction, disclosure, accuracy, completeness, register, intervention, clarification, closing and reporting; how culture influences communication; role playing, small group exercises, and case studies; not taking training session. The Training Program includes: 60-hour intensive interpreter training program; a required 10-hour assigned internship to build on learned skills with the guidance of a master interpreter; certificate of completion for 70 hours of the Community Interpreter Training Program; Benefit of referrals by the MCS Language Service Program and freelancing opportunities. Trainings are from May 17-June 17, 3 nights per week with one Saturday session, 5:30-9:00pm in DC (TBD). To apply: Request an

application form by contacting Rosa Carrillo at (202) 299-9477 or rcarrillo@mcsdc.org; Email your resume to Rosa Carrillo at rcarrillo@mcsdc.org or fax to (202) 299-9207. For more info, visit www.mcsdc.org

- The **Asian Pacific American Connections program at the 2010 Smithsonian Folklife Festival** will focus on what it means to be a person of Asian descent living in the United States today and examine strategies for adaptation. If you want to learn more about the program , please click on: http://www.festival.si.edu/2010/apa/asian_pacific_american_connections.aspx
- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) Classes/workshops:** Free Children's Kung Fu Lessons provided by Wong People. Sundays at 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursday s at 7pm. CCCC also offers classes in Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Chinese Brush Painting, ESL, Basic Computing, Chinese Language, Gu-Zheng, Chinese Calligraphy and more! For more information check out their website at www.ccccdc.org.

EMPLOYMENT of VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Employment opportunities with the District of Columbia Government can be found [here](#).**
- **Emmaus Services for the Aging is seeking a Social Service Coordinator- Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center-** Improving the Lives of Seniors Since 1978 1426 9th Street, NW • Washington, DC 20001-3344 • (202) 745-1200 • Fax: (202) 745-1246 • www.EmmausServices.org • CFC #8397 Part of the Senior Service Network-Supported by D.C. Office of Aging

Duties and Responsibilities

- Present information regarding the progress of seniors in monthly reports
- Attend weekly Care Plan Meeting, staff and supervision meeting.
- Serve as a liaison for seniors with community and government agencies
- Maintain client files and data in accordance quality assurance standards and the District of Columbia's office on Aging requirements
- Responsible for intake of new participants
- Responsible for updating members information in system
- Coordinate escort services for participants, plan and arrange doctor's appointments for participants, contact the escort volunteers
- Escort participants to their appointments
- Complete all reports required by agency and DCOA.
- Coordinate the monthly distribution of commodity food
- Invite speakers to the center to talk to the participants on social service issues such as Medicare.
- Read the members' correspondences daily
- Assist with recruiting volunteers from the communities
- Attend community meetings on behalf of the Center
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Commitment to serving the needs of older people of Asian decent, with particular sensitivity to the vulnerable elderly.
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or Human Service Field.
- Mastery of English language and fluent in either Cantonese or Mandarin.
- Knowledge of Chinese Typing.
- 1426 9th Street, NW • Washington, DC 20001-3344 • (202) 745-1200 • Fax: (202) 745-1246 • www.EmmausServices.org • CFC #8397
- Part of the Senior Service Network-Supported by D.C. Office of Aging
- Must be knowledgeable of issues affecting the Asian elderly living in the District of Columbia.
- Excellent writing and speaking skills
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, to set goals and to work independently
- Ability and desire to work with a diverse group of staff and volunteers
- Advanced knowledge of computers, Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), Databases (Access, etc.).

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: Regular internal contact with Emmaus Staff and constant outside contact with community organizations and the public.

Work Environment/Physical Demands: Considerable concentration. • Low noise level. Constant interruptions. • Considerable sitting and eye strain, light lifting, bending, and walking.

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- **2010 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** – www.summerjobs.dc.gov – Applicants must be 14-21 years old, DC residents, and eligible to work in the U.S.
- **Medical Escorts/Translators for Chinese seniors needed**– The Emmaus Services for the Aging Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center located in Chinatown is looking for bilingual speakers to accompany seniors with limited English ability to their medical appointments in the DC area. We are looking for translators who can speak Mandarin or Cantonese. Volunteers will be compensated \$20 for each trip. If interested, please email Cecilia Ng at cng@emmausservices.org or call 202-842-2559. Thank you for your interest and support!
- **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Seeks Fall & Winter Interns**

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. Interns will gain valuable experience by working on projects serving the needs of the API communities and organizations in the District and will acquire vast knowledge about the District's various government agencies and functions. The interns will receive a worthwhile opportunity to grow, cultivate new ideas, and play a contributing role in District activities!

Language Access Intern - The intern will focus on language access related work in the office and issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. OAPIA is tasked with providing technical assistance to over 25 District Agencies on language access. The intern will assist the Language Access Coordinator in implementing the Act. Some of the duties of the intern will include conducting an assessment of agency frontline centers, research best practices by municipal governments in providing linguistically and culturally appropriate services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and further develop a network of governments, and creating reference manuals for District agencies on the API community.

Outreach Intern - The intern will work closely with the Outreach Team in serving the API population in the District. Duties include 1) assisting outreach coordinators with different outreach projects and activities; 2) visiting community based organizations, residents, and business owners; 3) providing case assistance to District residents & merchants, 4) occasional simple translations; and 5) handling administrative tasks. Being bilingual in English and Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, or Cantonese are required.

Qualifications

Applicants should be undergraduate or graduate students who possess strong written and oral communication skills as well as organizational abilities. They must be flexible and willing to take initiative. Strong computer and research skills are also desired. The intern should be able to work a minimum of 10 weeks for at least 20 hours per week. Most importantly, applicants must be able to work with diverse populations.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter detailing your suitability for the position, and contact information to:

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